Glossary

ACIP
Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Along with the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC), ACIP provides written recommendations on the administration of vaccines to adults and children in the United States. These recommendations include a schedule of dosage, contraindication, and periodicity information for each vaccine. This "harmonized schedule" is the default schedule within NCIR.

Bookmark
A browser tool used for accessing Web sites quickly. After setting a bookmark at a Web page, you may return to that page simply by clicking on its bookmark, rather than entering the entire Web address. Also known as a favorite.

Browser
A software program you use to access the Internet. The two most common browsers are Netscape® and Internet Explorer.

CASA
Clinic Assessment Software Application. A tool developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) used for assessing immunization levels of clients for an immunization provider.

CDC
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC is the lead federal agency for protecting the health and safety of people, providing information to enhance health decisions.

Client
Anyone who has an immunization recorded in NCIR by a provider organization.

Clinician
A person who administers an immunization; for example, a nurse.

Data Exchange
A feature that allows you to automatically exchange immunization batch files with NCIR.

Deduplication
An automatic process that displays potential client matches to help ensure that client records are not duplicated in NCIR.

Desktop
The default screen on your computer that displays when no programs are open. The desktop contains shortcut icons that allow the user to open the represented programs and files from the desktop screen.

Favorite
See Bookmark.

GIS
Geographic Information Systems. The GIS online viewer allows geographic display of immunization data, patterns, and trends.

Grace Period
The default period of time prior to and following an immunization. This time period is used to validate a client's immunization history; it does not affect immunization recommendations.

HEDIS
Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set. A performance measurement/assessment tool used to ensure quality care from managed care plans.

HL7
Health Level 7. A method of categorizing data so that it is uniform across all health reporting systems. Allows for easier data transfer among different systems.

Home Page
The opening page of a Web site. NCIR's home page is the page that displays after you successfully log in. It contains announcements, release notes, resources, and the menu.

Hyperlink
A word or group of words that is underlined and appears in a colored font, usually blue, in NCIR. When you click on the underlined text, the Web site, page, or document that is described will be displayed. Also known as a link.

Immunization Registry
A confidential, computerized information system containing client demographics and immunization histories. Registries enable public and private health care providers to maintain consolidated immunization records.

Login
The first screen (aside from any security/certificate warnings) that appears after you access NCIR's Web address. The Login screen requires you to enter your username and your password to access NCIR.

Logout
Button on NCIR's menu bar that allows you to exit NCIR and be taken to the NCIR Exit screen. You may logout from any screen in NCIR.

Lot Number
The unique, identifying number given to each vaccine by the manufacturer.

Menu Bar
NCIR's menu bar is dark blue and appears at the top of every screen within the registry. The menu bar has several menu options: home, change password, logout, and help (light bulb). The menu bar on your Internet browser, on the other hand, is located near the top of your computer screen and contains words with drop-down lists such as File, Edit, View, Tools, etc.

Menu Panel
NCIR' menu panel is a medium blue color and appears to the left of every screen within the registry. The menu panel lists all of the NCIR functions available to the user.

NCIR
North Carolina Immunization Registry. A population-based Web application containing consolidated demographic and immunization history information.

Ordering Authority
A person with the capability of ordering an immunization for a client; a person with ordering authority is generally the client's pediatrician or primary care provider or, within public health organizations, the medical director.

PDF
Portable document file. A file format that allows you to view and print a document online in its original format.

Radio Button
An input circle that, when clicked, fills with a black dot to indicate a selection. For example, on the Manage Clients screen of NCIR, the client's gender is indicated by selecting the radio button beside M, F, or N/A.

Recall Notice
A card or letter that informs a responsible person or client of immunizations that are overdue.

Release
A new version of an application, which usually includes enhancements and software fixes. Each release of an application is indicated with a number; for example, NCIR release version 3.0.

Reminder Notice
A card or letter that informs a responsible person or client of immunizations that are due in the future.

Responsible Person
A parent, relative, or guardian who is associated with the client and may act as a contact. A client may also act as the responsible person for him- or herself.

Sequence
Identifies which dose is being referred to within a vaccine series. For example, a number "2" sequence indicates the second dose of the series.

Series
The compilation of doses for one vaccine that provides immunity for a certain disease or diseases. For example, the recommended series for the DTP/aP vaccine contains five doses.

Shortcut
An icon located on your computer's desktop which, when double-clicked, will open the program displayed by the icon.

Toolbar
Located near the top of your computer screen, the toolbar on your Internet browser contains several buttons, such as Back, Forward, Stop, Refresh, and Home.

Tracking Schedule
A schedule of recommended vaccines, their dosage and periodicity information. The tracking schedule is used to validate a client's immunization history and makes recommendations for future vaccinations based on that history.

User Roles
NCIR users are categorized into hierarchical roles that determine their level of access to the functions of NCIR. The four provider roles are Administrator, Inventory Control, Typical User, and Reports-Only.

Users
Individuals who access NCIR in some way, whether it be for printing reports, entering immunization information, tracking inventory, or entering organization-specific maintenance information.

Vaccine Group
A category that describes one type of vaccination. For example, the vaccine trade names Engerix-B and Recombivax fall under the Hepatitis B vaccine group; whereas, Comvax falls under both the Hepatitis B and Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) vaccine groups.

Vaccine Trade Name
A unique, identifying name for a vaccine series given by the manufacturer. For example, Engerix-B is the trade name for a Hepatitis B vaccine manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline.